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**Barber Shop**  
**Helpful Guidelines**

(These are not the official rules and regulations. See #20)

**ALL BARBER SHOPS SHALL DISPLAY AT THE ENTRANCE ( to the barber shop, see # 25) A SIGN  
AND/OR BARBER POLE, INDICATING IT IS A BARBERSHOP**

- 1. Licenses must be posted (copies are acceptable)**
- 2. There can only be 3 apprentices to a master barber in each shop**
- 3. Shop should be clean and sanitary (Brooms, mops, and anything used to wash the floor must be put away)**
- 4. No sleeping quarters in the shops.**
- 5. There must be running hot and cold water.**
- 6. Must have a bathroom with a sink.**
- 7. Must have a separate sink for hand washing outside of the bathroom sink.**
- 8. Proper lighting and ventilation.**
- 9. Headrest of barber chair must be covered with a clean cloth or paper per each client.**
- 10. Towels must be kept in an enclosed area.**
- 11.No SHAVING brushes allowed to be used.**
- 12.Must have at least 3 hairbrushes (must be in an enclosed cabinet).**
- 13.Cannot display or use any hair tonics without a manufacturer label on it.**



- 14. All jars with creams or pomades must be covered unless being used and spatulas must be cleaned for each client.**
- 15. No printed paper can be used to wipe razors (must be clean paper, not newspaper).**
- 16. No soap in cake or stick form can be used.**
- 17. Must sterilize tools after every client (must clean first and then sterilize).**
- 18. Tools must be enclosed after sterilization.**
- 19. All barbers must act in a professional manner.**
- 20. All barbershops should have a copy of the rules and regulations available at all times. If you do not have a copy you can obtain one by calling (617) 727-2834 or you can download a copy at [www.mass.gov/dpl/](http://www.mass.gov/dpl/).**
- 21. Neck dusters are allowed in barbershops for use on skin only and not on clothes.**
- 22. Styptic pencils are not allowed (stop the bleeding from a cut). You can use styptic powder only.**
- 23. Can only employ Massachusetts licensed people.**
- 24. For dual shops (Cosmetology/Barber) you must follow the guidelines required by both boards. The salon must have 2 current licenses (one for a cosmetology shop and one for the barbershop.)**
- 25. If a cosmetology shop is putting a barbershop in a separate space in its shop they cannot put a barber pole in the window. There does have to be a barber pole or barber pole decal in the section that is licensed as a barbershop.**